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TITLE: Computer product for integrated document development

Brief Summary Text (8):

Management of document development has been further aided by recent development of data networks, such as the "Internet". The Internet typically includes a plurality of users employing client terminals communicating with a remote server computer to transfer information therebetween. To facilitate the transfer, the client terminals have a "web" browser that provides graphical user interface (GUI)-based communication with a "web page" obtained from a server. One popular collection of servers uses a standardized Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) to provide information and is known as the "World Wide Web." The information is typically presented as web pages written as text with standardized formatting and control symbols known as Hypertext Mark-up Language (HTML). HTML provides basic document formatting and allows a server to specify "links" to other servers and files. Use of an HTML-compliant browser involves specification of a link via a Uniform Resource Locator (URL). Upon such specification, the user's client terminal makes a TCP/IP request to the server identified in the link and receives an HTML file that is interpreted by the browser so that a electronic HTML document made up of one or more web pages may be displayed on the client's terminal.

Detailed Description Text (12):

To access a particular file, a user highlights the requisite project with the cursor 60 by placing the same proximate to one row of text in the project list region 72. The selected column is then highlight and a cursor event is initiated by twice activating a button (not shown) on the mouse 46. This provides a list of folders and files associated with the aforementioned project, in the project file region 76. Specifically, folders have [+/-] signs adjacent thereto are indicated as having files associated therewith. The [+] indicates that the files are not displayed and the [-] sign indicates that the files are visible. To conceal visible files, a cursor event is initiated proximate to the [-] sign. Thereafter, a file is displayed by highlighting the same and initiating a cursor event. This produces a document view window 80, shown in FIG. 8.

Detailed Description Text (20):

Accessing a particular message file 94 may be achieved employing either the message headers 96 or annotations 98 on a document file 92. For example, highlighting a particular message header 96 and initiating a cursor event displays a message file 94 with content summarized by the highlighted message header 96. Were a document file 92 displayed to have multiple annotations 98 present thereon, the cursor 60 may be positioned to highlight the desired annotation 98. Thereafter a cursor event would display the message file 94 associated with the annotation 98, referred to as graphical indexing. Moreover, a boolean search technique may be employed by highlighting virtual button 88c and initiating a cursor event. Thereafter a dialog window (not shown) would appear in the window 80 and provide an area to enter search terms, as is well known in the prior art.

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